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1. DURING DCM'S CALL ON GALLAGHER DEC 23 REGARDING CONTINUED US FISHERY OFF FRENCH GUIANA (SEPTTEL), GALLAGHER HANDED OVER NOTE VERBALE (TRANSMITTED REFTTEL) COVERING INDIVIDUAL VESSEL APPLICATIONS FROM EC MEMBER STATES FOR 1977 FISHERIES IN US 200 HLE ZONE. HE NOTED THIS WAS IN RESPONSE TO DEPARTMENT'S EARLIER REQUEST FOR APPLIATIONS FROM ALL COUNTRIES WITH WHOM NEGOTIATIONS ON GIFA WERE IN PROGRESS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER AGREEMENT CONCLUDED OR NOT.

2. APPLICATIONS (WHICH ARE BEING FORWARDED BY POUCH) HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED FOR VESSELS FROM FRG, FRANCE, ITALY AND ONE SHIP FROM IRELAND. NO OTHER MEMBER STATE APPLIED. THOSE OF FRG AND IRELAND APPEAR TO BE MOST COMPLETE, USE FORMS WER PROVIDED AND ARE IN ENGLISH. FRENCH AND ITALIAN APPLICATIONS CONTAIN MINIMAL INFORMATION,
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IN THOSE LANGUAGES, AND DO NOT USE THE PROPER APPLICATION FORMS.

3. COMMENT. SINCE APPLICATIONS, WILH EXCEPTION OF SINGLE IRISH VESSEL, ARE BEING SUBMITTED ONLY BY MEMBER STATES WITH ACKNOWLEDGED TRADITIONAL FISHERIES, WE WOULD URGE DEPARTMENT TO RECONSIDER NEED FOR EXPLICIT STATEMENT IN OR APPENDED TO GIFA (IF AND WHEN WE

RETURN TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE) WHICH FORCES QUESTION OF
DISCRIMINATION AMONG EC MEMBER STATES. GALLAGHER UNDERSTANDS FULLY
THAT WE ARE UNLIKELY TO ACCEPT IRISH APPLICATION AND HAS STATED
TO DCM THA THERE WOULD BE NO CONSEQUENT CHARGE OF BAD FAITH IF WE
REJECTED IT. ON OTHER HAND, EXPLICIT STATEMENT OF DISCRIMINATION AMONG

EC STATES STRIKES AT THE HEART OF CONCEPT OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY,
WHICH, AS MATTER OF HIGHEST POLICY, IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE TO
EC. WE THEREFORE HOPE THAT DEPARTMENT CAN EVENTUALLY ADJUST ITS
POSITION ON THIS ISSUE. HINTON

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